

TO: Ossian Elementary Parents
FROM: Raina Sisson, Food Service Director
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DATE: August 1, 2020
RE: Food Service

The lunch price at Ossian is \$2.75 a day to paid students, \$.40 a day to reduced students, and free to free students. We also want parents to know that breakfast is served at Ossian. The price of a student breakfast is \$1.85 a day to paid students, \$.30 a day to reduced students, and free to free students. Many children start their school day with a disadvantage because they did not eat breakfast, let us do it for you. According to federal guidelines, if your student is free or reduced and packs their lunch, or wants extra milk, they must pay \$.70. Please send your student's lunch money in the pre-written weekly lunch envelopes provided. Make sure the student's and teacher's names, grade level, and amount of money in the envelope appears **legible** on the face of the envelope. After the envelopes have been received, the student's account will be credited with the money. Before going through the lunch line your student will be given a card to swipe after they have filled their plate. The card is collected at point of service so the student will only be responsible for the card from the start of the lunch line until the end of the lunch line.

Your student will not be allowed to charge over -\$15.00 on their account. Before your student has reached the maximum amount of -\$15.00, a note will be sent home, see policy below. We encourage you to pay ahead, weekly or monthly, and not let your lunch bill get delinquent. It is the responsibility of the parent to know how much money is in your student's lunch account. You may call the school food service office to find out your student's current lunch account balance (extension #5547), go to NWCS web page click PowerSchool access then look under lunch (sometimes this is not always current, it takes 24 hours to update), call the Superintendent's Office at (260) 622-4125 extension #1004, or start an account with myschoolbucks.com. [Myschoolbucks.com](https://myschoolbucks.com) is the service to prepay on your student's lunch account by using a credit card. There is a small fee for this service. You will need your student's ID number to apply payment to their account. Please call the food service office or the superintendent's office for this information. If you need assistance with myschoolbucks.com, please call 1-855-832-5226 for assistance.

There will be a charge of \$1.00 for lunch cards that are bent or lost and have to be replaced throughout the school year. We realize bent cards are not all done deliberately but we hope the \$1.00 charge will be an incentive to take care of the cards.

The lunch lines at Ossian are self-serve for students and staff. Federal guidelines require your student to have a fruit and/or vegetable on their plate at point of sale.

As always, thank you for allowing us to feed the future of Northern Wells. We invite all parents to eat lunch with your student this year. If you have any questions, concerns please contact the Ossian food service department.

NWCS LUNCH CHARGING POLICY

There will be no charging of lunches at the Middle or High School level. If your student forgets his/her lunch money they will be given a cheese sandwich, fruit and a carton of milk. There will be charging at the elementary level only to a limit of -\$15.00. At that time, your student will be given a cheese sandwich, fruit and a carton of milk for lunch if no money has been received from home. Any balance left at Lancaster/Ossian has been transferred to the Middle School. If it is a negative balance you will need to pay this amount before your student is able to eat at the Middle School. Any balance left at the Middle School will be transferred to the High School. It is the responsibility of the parent to know how much money is in your student's lunch account.